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## AN HONEST MAN FROM MAINE.

Representative Littlefield, of Maine, who succeeded Thos. B. Reed, although quite an orthodox Republican as is found in those parts, is a man who has opinions of his own, convictions of his own and also the courage to assert them, whether they conflict with his party or not. He is also recognized as one of the ablest men in the House of Representatives. As an illustration of his independence, he spoke and voted several years ago against the expulsion of Wm. H. Roberts, of Utah, the charge against whom was that he had three wives and was, therefore a violator of the anti-polygamy act. The Republicans voted pretty solidly for his expulsion, but Mr. Littlefield didn't believe Congress had the right to unseat him and although there was much church and other pressure brought to bear on Congress to drive the man from Utah out, Littlefield courageously spoke in his behalf and with the Democrats, who also opposed his expulsion on legal grounds, voted against unseating him. There have been other occasions on which he showed individuality and independence, both of which he showed in a striking manner in an address on the race problem in Washington a few nights ago. He was one of the Congressional delegation which visited the Charleston Exposition last week. After his return he delivered the address to which we have referred, the substance of which is thus given in a letter of the Washington correspondent of the Charleston News and Courier:

"Mr. Littlefield, in taking up the negro problem, said that the black race was a vital factor in the development of the country, when cotton became the staple production of the South. At the close of the war the United States was left with four million negroes in the South. This was the most serious problem left by the war. These negroes had been freed from slavery and were occupying a position of peril to the Government. The question of the white people, said Mr. Littlefield, had been accomplished after years of struggle and association with the greatest race of mankind. The negro had been brought direct from his home in Africa and no efforts had been made toward his education or civilization."

"Why, then, asked the man from Maine, did the white people, State, 'does an Act of Congress seek to place an inferior race on an equal footing with two thousand years of Christian history? The nation sought to give the negro the right to vote, to hold office, to own property, to be a citizen, to be a man. A people who had been overwhelmed by one of their own kind and whose civilization had been destroyed, were smarting under the blow of defeat."

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## fighting for and determined to maintain it.

His views are in conspicuous contrast to those of Mr. Crumpacker and his supporters, who now propose warfare on those of the Southern States which have taken measures to protect themselves from the ballots of the ignorant mob of negroes, and it is somewhat significant that this address was delivered in Washington while the Crumpacker resolution is on the calendar, to come up as soon as its supporters can bring it to the front. This makes the sentiments uttered by the gentleman from Maine all the more noteworthy and all the more creditable to him.

There are other Republican Congressmen who believe as Mr. Littlefield does, who speaking as individuals and not as Congressmen or politicians, freely admit this and frankly confess that if they lived in the South or if the negroes were as numerous in their States and as much of a present or prospective menace to good government, they would do precisely as has been done by the people in the States where qualified suffrage has been adopted, if they didn't go to greater extremes. They would preserve white supremacy by whatever methods might be necessary. But when it comes to expressing their views publicly they lack the honesty, independence and nerve of the gentleman from Maine.

Out of a dozen intelligent Republicans in the North to-day there are probably not two who would not agree with Mr. Littlefield that the enfranchisement of the slaves on mass was a curse to the race, and there are few intelligent negroes, North or South, who would not agree with him. If there were proof needed, let anyone point to a single benefit that has come to the mass of the negroes from that enfranchisement, while every grown person with two grains of brains knows that it has been the main cause of friction between the races. While it has been a cause of unrest and vexation to the whites, and has been the cause of bad feeling, disorder and at times of blood shed, it has been a serious obstacle in the way of the negro's progress and prosperity. Of all the people in the land, the negro has been the least benefited by the ballot which made him so proud when he got it, and for which he is so clamorous now.

There are over 8,000,000 of negroes in the country, with probably 1,500,000 voters. Politically, what have they to show for it? Not a member in Congress, not a Governor or Lieutenant Governor in any of the forty-five States and Territories, not a negro on the bench of any U. S. Court or any State court, not a half dozen in the legislatures of all the States, not one in any first-class federal office, not one in any first-class foreign appointment; and, be it remembered, the party which enfranchised them and made them the political and civil equals of the white man has, with a brief interval of a few years, been in control of the Government for the past forty years, and has been loyally supported by the negro voters ever since they were enfranchised. They have not realized the curse of their enfranchisement, while intelligent, honest, candid men of the country, regardless of party, have; but those of the Republican school have not the courage to proclaim it as the outspoken gentleman from Maine does.

## THE DAIRY INDUSTRY.

In view of the activity shown by the dairy men and their spokesmen in Congress, in the war against oleomargarine, and incidentally against every other substitute for butter, the following figures issued a few days ago will be interesting:

"The complete census statistics of dairy matters show that of the 5,789,687 farms in the country, 4,514,210 report dairy cows and dairy product and 1,275,477 report dairies. The total value of dairy products was \$473,369,355 of the farms reporting dairy cows and product, 357,775 were classed as dairy farms, having derived at least 40 per cent of their gross income from dairy products. The number of dairy cows was 17,139,674. The receipts from dairy products sold aggregated \$281,639,933 and products consumed on the farms were valued at \$190,739,297. There were produced from the dairy cows reported a total of 7,866,399,674 gallons of milk, an average of 424 gallons per cow. Of this milk 3,134,915,342 gallons were sold, for which the farmers received \$184,843,292. The farmers also reported the sale of 30,763,662 gallons of cream, for which they received \$8,888,776. Farms numbering 3,617,440 report the manufacture of butter, and 15,670 report the manufacture of cheese. The farms reporting butter manufactured 1,071,745,127 pounds of butter, for which the farmers received \$1,843,444. New York reports the largest number of dairy cows, 1,601,608; the largest value of dairy products, \$85,476,155; and the largest number of gallons of milk produced, milk sold, cream sold and butter as well as cheese made. Pennsylvania comes second in the value or dairy products.

There is no subdivision here as to sections, the only reference being the statement that New York leads

in the number of dairy farms and that Pennsylvania comes next, which might be expected as they are the two most populous States and require a great deal of milk, butter, etc.

As a matter of curiosity we would like to know how the South figures in dairy farms, and yet it might be a matter of disappointment if we did, for the showing would doubtless be a poor one, when with her ample patronage, varieties of grasses and other foods that can be so easily produced, the genial climate and other advantages, it could and should be the great dairy section of the country. We are making progress on that line, it is true, and have some splendid herds of as fine cattle as can be found anywhere, but we are not making the progress we should, and will not until these single "money crop" delusions vanish."

A Brazil, Ind., professor raised a commotion and temporarily lost his job for attempting to hug and kiss one of his girl pupils whom he met in the hall. He said the girl was laboring under a delusion, that all he meant to do was to "kiss her under the chin." On this statement the parents of the pupils took sides with the professor and he was reprimanded. They did not object, it seems, to having their daughters "kissed under the chin."

The fortune left by the late Cecil Rhodes is estimated at between \$50,000,000 and \$75,000,000. It is thought that it will be bequeathed for the development of the empire in South Africa. Before the Jameson raid he was worth \$100,000,000.

At a recent layout in Washington Mrs. Forsaker, Mrs. Kean and Mrs. Hitchcock wore dresses spun new from Paris, and were horrified to see that they were identical alike. What an awful catastrophe. But it is hoped they will survive it.

It is said that lawyer Patrick was astonished when the jury brought in a verdict of "guilty" against him. He will be more than astonished, he will be shocked if he does not get a new trial. They electrocuted in New York.

It is announced that J. Pierpont Morgan will leave New York shortly and take up his residence in England. After he has done up our industrial and railroad perhaps he will take a whack at those on the other side.

This country buys annually \$45,000,000 worth of products from Canada and sells the Canadians \$110,000,000 worth. If we had reciprocity with Canada we might sell them a good deal more.

Marconi estimates that electric flashes from trolley wires will interfere with his wireless telegraphy. But as they have no trolley cars on Sea Marconi need not loose much sleep over that.

It is estimated that the American people pay annually \$1,273,212,304 for the beverages they imbibe, \$1,094,644,156 for alcoholic liquors and \$178,568,231 for coffee, tea and cocoa.

A woman book-keeper in Philadelphia embezzled \$15,000, but, woman-like, couldn't keep the secret and gave herself away.

## Thomas Will Keep His Seat.

A special from Washington says: "Mr. Thomas will keep his seat in the House of Representatives and his contest is practically at an end. This fact developed at a meeting to-day of the House committee on elections, No. 2, when it was decided by both the majority and minority members that Mr. Thomas had failed to produce evidence which established any valid claim to his seat. No formal report was agreed upon at this meeting, but the committee adjourned with the understanding that Mr. Thomas, of Pennsylvania, should formulate a report in accordance with the decision referred to."

## Timber in Pender County.

Pender Chronicle: "Messrs. C. D. Moore and John R. Bannerman are cutting timber on Northeast river and in the eastern portion of the county on quite extensive scale. Mr. Bannerman is representing the Hilton Lumber Company, and Mr. Moore has the management of the Pittsburgh Lumber Company's interest in this county. The Hilton Lumber Company has built a tramway from Fishing Creek out to the Bear Garden section, where a very valuable body of timber is being cut. Both of the above named companies have headquarters and mills at Wilmington, to which place the timber is floated in rafts. There is no county in the State that possesses more valuable timber than Pender county."

## New Sheriff and New Mayor.

Fayetteville Observer, 26th: "This morning Mayor-elect C. B. McMillan duly qualified for the duties of his new position before the Clerk of the Superior Court, and Col. W. S. Cook did likewise for his induction into the office of sheriff. Col. Cook has as yet made no decision as to his clerical staff, but it is expected that he will temporarily appoint the efficient Mr. John Monaghan as deputy sheriff."

## NORTH STATE VALOR.

## Ohio Congressman Afforded Mr. Bellamy Text for Ringing Impromptu Speech.

## TWENTY-SIXTH REGIMENT.

Caroline Troops Fought Well and Courageously, Says Sixth District Representative—Unparalleled Record in Annals of War.

Congressman Warnock, of Ohio, a grizzled veteran of the civil war who wore the blue, paid North Carolina a handsome compliment while speaking on the Army Appropriation bill in Washington Thursday. He was discussing the great conflicts of the Civil War, and in advertising to the Twenty-sixth North Carolina regiment at Gettysburg is quoted by the Raleigh Post correspondent as having said:

"That I regard as one of the most remarkable instances in all history. That regiment was 530 strong. It had 88 killed and 322 wounded, making a total of 410 or 77 per cent. That was in the first battle; but the most remarkable part of it is that this regiment, in the third day's fight, turned with a little remnant of 215 men out of their 330, participated in that gallant charge and came out with only 30 men left. (Applause.) That I regard as the most remarkable loss in all history. There was a company in that regiment (Capt. Tuttle's company) that went in with three officers and 40 men. They came out of that with only one officer and 10 men. Another remarkable fact about that contest was the greater loss of officers in proportion to the enlisted men."

Congressman Warnock, after detecting an error in a comparative table submitted by Mr. Warnock, took occasion to correct the discrepancy that the Old North State an injustice. Mr. Bellamy said:

"I come, as you are aware, sir, from the Old North State, which has for its motto 'Euse Quam Videre.' That motto expresses a striking characteristic of our people. But the modesty of North Carolina will never permit her interests to suffer, when her sons are apprised of an occasion, when even the great State that is deprived of her merited glory. She was the next to the last State to go into and form the present union, and yet so devoted was she to it that when she once gave her heart and soul to it she was the last State to reluctantly withdraw from it, and when she, with sorrow, decided to break away, she left her children, her people, her property, her life, her honor, her all to the new Confederacy and became the first to lose the life of a son at Gettysburg and was the last to lay down her arms at Appomattox. And, sir, she contributed more soldiers to the lost cause than did any one of her sisters. But she accepts the arbitration of war and now vies with her sisters in her loyalty and devotion to her first love, but treasures with pride and sacred reverence the conspicuous part she bore in the 'lost cause.'"

In the table of statistics that the gentleman gives it will be found that he puts at the head of Texas regiment as having sustained the greatest loss during the war. Mr. Bellamy, it is a well known fact, that the regiment that sustained the greatest casualties, in death and wounds in that great battle of Gettysburg was the Twenty-sixth North Carolina regiment, which lost 80 per cent of its men and its head the gallant Col. Harry Burghwin. And the Second North Carolina battalion took into that engagement 300 men of whom there was not one who was not killed or wounded. In all history, Mr. Chairman, from Plata and Marathon to Spion Kop there is nothing to equal the valor, loyalty and endurance of that great State that has the honor to represent and love so well." (Great applause.)

Sanford Express: There is a movement on foot to build a large mill at Sanford, N. C., to produce cotton mill supplies. The farmers are now busy preparing their lands for planting. With good weather much corn will be planted during the week ending Friday. The Cumnock Coal Company find it very difficult to secure miners. They now have about sixty men at work. The daily output is about 100 tons.

Lumberton Robinson: Mrs. Elizabeth Prevett, died at her home near Grady Wednesday in the 62nd year of her age. The dead body of Jim McEachern, colored, was found in a juniper bay in Smith's woods, near the farm of Mr. McEachern, on the morning of Wednesday. The body was found by a falling tree while cutting juniper poles.

Louisburg Times: The Coroner's jury completed their investigation of the Mary Branch case last Friday evening. A number of witnesses were examined, and after due deliberation the jury returned the following verdict: "The said Mary Branch came to her death from a pistol shot wound in the upper and right parietal bone of her head, said wound was inflicted by a party or parties unknown to this jury; but from evidence introduced at this inquest, it is recommended and ordered that James Fogg be held in custody by the Sheriff of Franklin county for further investigation by the grand jury and the Superior Court of said county, to convene in the court house at Louisburg, N. C., on the sixth Monday after the next of May, to wit: March 11th. Fogg was remanded to jail. Since the investigation right much damaging evidence has come to light against the defendant since the following verdict: "The said Mary Branch came to her death from a pistol shot wound in the upper and right parietal bone of her head, said wound was inflicted by a party or parties unknown to this jury; but from evidence introduced at this inquest, it is recommended and ordered that James Fogg be held in custody by the Sheriff of Franklin county for further investigation by the grand jury and the Superior Court of said county, to convene in the court house at Louisburg, N. C., on the sixth Monday after the next of May, to wit: March 11th. Fogg was remanded to jail. 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